

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-17 and 19-21 were previously pending in the instant application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, 16, 17 and 19-21 have been rejected, and Claims 13-15 have been objected to. By way of the above amendments, Claims 1, 5, 16 and 19 have been amended, Claim 13 has been canceled and the new Claim 22 has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, 14-17 and 19-22 are now pending in this application.

Objection to Claims

Within the Office Action, Claims 13-15 have been objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim. It is stated within the Office Action that Claims 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Within the Office Action Claims 19-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, it is stated within the Office Action that Claims 19-21 are indefinite for depending on a canceled claim. It is also stated within the Office Action that Claims 19-21 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By way of the above amendment Claim 19 has been amended to depend from the independent Claim 16. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,766,077 to Hongo (hereafter, Hongo) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,967,898 to Takasaka et al. (hereafter, Takasaka et al.).

The teachings of Hongo, Takasaka et al. and the differences between the claimed invention have been fully presented in a previous communication. Briefly, Hongo fails to teach or suggest a video game controller adapter that detachably engages a hand-held video game

controller and Takasaka et al. fail to teach or suggest a video game control adapter for detachably engaging a hand-held video game controller, wherein the buttons of the hand-held video game controller are operable through corresponding input controls of the adapter and wherein the video control adapter is configured to simulate a real life activity emulated by a video game. These distinguishing features and combination of distinguishing features were previously recited in the independent Claims 1, 5, and 16.

However, to further advance the prosecution of the Application, the Applicant has amended each of the independent Claims 1, 5, and 16 to recite limitations of a body with a receiving space for receiving a hand-held video game controller and arms extending from the body to manipulate buttons of the hand-held video game controller, which are additional features that are not taught or suggested by the teachings of Hongo or Takasaka et al. alone or in combination.

By way of the above amendment, Claim 13 has been canceled and the limitations of Claim 13 have been introduced into the independent Claim 1. Accordingly the independent Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 4 are both dependent on the independent Claim 1. As described above, the independent Claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Takasaka et al., Hongo and their combination. Accordingly, Claims 2 and 4 are also both allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 5 is directed to a video game input device. The video game input device comprises a hand-held video game controller having control buttons for inputting commands to manipulate video game images on an output screen of a video game system through a power cord and an interactive video game controller adapter detachably engaged with the video game controller and shaped to simulate the real-life activity emulated by the video game. The controller adapter comprises a main body with a receiving space formed in the main body for receiving a portion of the hand-held controller and arms extending from the main body for activating corresponding control buttons of the hand-held controller. As described in detail above neither Hongo or Takasaka et al. teaches or suggests a controller adapter comprising a main body with a receiving space formed in the main body for receiving a portion of the hand-held controller and arms extending from the main body for activating corresponding control buttons of the hand-held controller. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 5 is allowable over the teaching of Hongo, Takasaka et al. and their combination.

Claims 6 and 8- 12 are all dependent on the independent Claim 5. As described above, the independent Claim 5 is allowable over the teachings of Takasaka et al., Hongo and their

combination. Accordingly, Claims 6 and 8- 12 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 16 is directed to an interactive video game controller adapter for detachably engaging with a hand-held video game controller, the interactive video game controller adapter comprising a body shaped to represent the unique characteristics of a video game and having a receiving space for receiving the hand-held video game controller, the interactive video game controller adapter further comprising arms extending from the body to manipulate and activate control buttons on the hand-held video game controller and thereby manipulate images of a video game on a remote screen coupled to the hand-held video game controller. As described in detail above, neither Hongo nor Takasaka et al. teaches or suggests a controller adapter comprising a receiving space for receiving a portion of the hand-held controller and arms extending from the main body to manipulate and activate control buttons on the hand-held video game controller. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 16 is allowable over the teaching of Hongo, Takasaka et al. and their combination.

Claims 17 and 19-21 are all dependent on the independent Claim 16. As described above, the independent Claim 16 is allowable over the teachings of Takasaka et al., Hongo and their combination. Accordingly, Claims 17 and 19-21 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, 14-17 and 19-22 are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss them so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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